

Old Customs Giving Way To Harmless Merrymaking

The old Halloween ceremonies, when they were seriously observed, were too thrilling and picturesque to be allowed to pass out of sight, so now instead of attaching any significance, religious or otherwise, to the old customs we have turned them into harmless merrymakings.

Do you know that when you bob for apples you are following a superstitious practice of the heathen Druids who on November 1 lighted their fires to Baal? But in some countries the bonfires are kindled in honor of the harvest and home-coming festivals at that time, and your society wants to enjoy an evening of festive revelries why not make Halloween the home-coming night after all have returned from the summer outings?

Here is a form of entertainment which employs the old beloved symbols of the night and yet is less boisterous than apple-ducking and taffy-pulling.

A pumpkin, a large ear of yellow field-corn, a pint of peanuts in the shell, a pound of pecans in the shell, a basket of apples, one beautiful chrysanthemum, a large bunch of Malaga grapes, and a bunch of red oak leaves are the requisites for the entertainment. And these same articles may serve as decorations during the evening.

The game is to guess the number of parts of each one of the list, for instance:

How many grains on the ear of corn?
How many leaves on the pumpkin?
How many grapes in the bunch?
How many pecans in a pound?
How many petals on the chrysanthemum?
How many peanuts in a pint?
How many leaves on the oak leaf?

The answers when this game was played a year ago were, respectively, 81, 41, 15, 35, 48, 37, 16, 46. They will serve as an indication of the possible answers, for, of course, they would never be twice the same.

The husks of the corn were stripped back far enough to grant a view of the entire length. This was suspended by a ribbon in the center. The husks of the grapes were also suspended in the same way. The oak leaves decorated almost a whole corner in the hall, being hung on a nail driven high in the wall. The chrysanthemum stood in a tall vase on a table, and the nuts were in glass dishes on small tables. The apples were the little "snow apples" placed in a pretty basket. The seeds of the pumpkin had been dried in the oven and

were also in a glass dish. A fine specimen of pumpkin should be selected; after taking out the seeds cut a round lid from the top and wash the pumpkin and lid carefully.

The entertainment appealed to the children, and you know they are sometimes hard to interest in these things; but what man or boy does not like to try his powers of calculation? There was a prize appropriate to the question for the best calculator. For the grains of corn an imitation ear of corn filled with bonbons, procurable at the confectioner's; for the seeds of the pumpkin itself filled with taffy "kisses," etc. Of course, the answers had actually been obtained beforehand, except in the case of the chrysanthemum, which was judged by one section of the flower and the grapes, which were counted after the company had guessed.

But if you do not want to start these games until you are sure all have arrived, and want to break up any formality, have you tried the plan of tying a paper bag on the right hand of the guests and asking them to wear the bags until they have worn them out shaking hands?

Another good way to get the company into conversational groups is to give to each group seven or eight toothpicks and let them print a sentence by laying the little pieces of wood in order. Quotations from Mother Goose could be called for, as "Jack Spratt could eat no fat."

To elaborate the decorations, portieres may be made by stringing on heavy black thread cats and witches cut from heavy black paper and yellow paper crescents. Threaded corn may also be used for portieres, held back by bunches of the corn in their husks.

A good game a little out of the ordinary is pulling the cabbages. At a party where this was played one of the smaller rooms had been kept closed all evening. In it were rows of "cabbages" made of green paper, and "pumpkins" made of yellow paper. Both "cabbages" and "pumpkins" were very small specimens.

There were about seventy-five of each in the room, and they were made to represent the autumn garden as much as possible, with the aid of vines, old weeds, etc.

Ten young men and ten girls were asked to take part in this game. They were stationed at the far end of the room from the "cabbage patch," the young men in the front row. Five of the young men were to gather pumpkins, and five cabbages. Only one pumpkin or cabbage was to be pulled at a time; it was to be brought to the party, and the girl who pulled it was to stand on until there was no more to be had. The young man who brought his lady the greatest number of cabbages and the one who gathered the greatest number of pumpkins each received a prize. The started at a signal, and the pulling of the "fruits" could be brought at

ANSWERS TO THE QUERIES

Information Asked of The Times Is Given Here.

Wedding Cards.

Doubtful—it is not necessary for you to send cards when a wedding invitation bears in the corner, "At home after November 1," etc. If a card was included for an "At Home" to be held November 1, then you should send cards, to reach the hostess on the day of the entertainment.

Halloween Dinner Menu.

Hostess.—The following menu for a Halloween dinner you will find to be about what you want: Oyster soup, cold sliced turkey, sandwiches, olives, cheese, ice cream in small paper pumpkin ramekins, chestnuts, bonbons, angel food cake, devil's food cake, celery salad, and coffee. Juice cannot be made. Cover a marble or a jackstone with candy fondant. A cocoanut ball can cover a day other set of candy. For you know the evil spirits will mix bad candy with dainty confections. A little wedge of cotton in a stuffed shoe could be placed among the delicacies. Red apples cut in halves and scooped out make pretty receptacles for holding salads. Hot roasted chestnuts may be served during the meal or afterward, when ghost stories are being told.

Nut Cookies Recipe.

Mrs. G.—Nut cookies are easily made by the recipe which is published here: Use for these little cakes a cupful of butter, a cupful of sugar, a cupful of flour, a cupful of milk, and a cupful of brown sugar and one cupful and a half of butter mixed. Rub to a cream one pound light brown sugar and one cupful and a half of butter mixed. Add a cupful of milk, a cupful of flour, and a cupful of brown sugar. Beat until the dough is stiff enough to roll out. Roll thin, cut in circles or any fancy shape desired, place on a well-greased pan, and bake in a quick oven for four or five minutes.

Invitation to Tea.

M. E. H.—An invitation to an afternoon tea takes the form, frequently, of a visiting card with "At home Thursday, January twenty-eighth, from four to seven o'clock," written in the lower left-hand corner. The rooms may be decorated very simply with a few flowers in harmony with the color scheme of the room. Tea should be served in the dining-room, where the table should be set with doilies and candles, and with flowers harmonizing with the gown of the young lady who is to serve the tea. It is better to have artificial light, because the rooms may be made to look so much prettier that way and because at most seasons the daylight will not last through the entire tea.

You should ask one of your young friends to serve tea, and if you care to have chocolate served also have another to serve that. One should sit at each end of the table, and a maid should be ready to remove the tea and chocolate. In addition to tea and hot chocolate, you should have dainty sandwiches, possibly small biscuits one inch in diameter, or without filling, thin toast, small cakes and bonbons. There may or may not be any chairs in this room. Usually there are a few, but most people will stand while they are sipping their tea. It is usually well to have some friend who will pass the tea and stand with a tray until the tea is ready for it. Guests go and come to and from the dining-room informally during the entire afternoon.

The hostess should, of course, receive each guest as she arrives, but it is not necessary to stand and greet each one until all have come. Guests usually remain between half an hour and an hour.

REMARKABLE RECORD

Flesh-forming Food that Succeeds Nearly Every Time.

A man or woman might as well starve outright as to take food into the stomach and not have it assimilated, yet in Washington, as well as in every other town and city, there are many people who are thin, pale, and seem underfed, simply because the food they eat is not assimilated, and fails to make good blood and firm flesh.

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Answers to Authors Contest Make Puzzle Editor Proud

Oh, puzzlers, I am so proud of you all for the way you have responded to the Hidden Authors Contest of this week. Early Monday morning when I had opened over a hundred letters, I was feeling rather happy about it, but as the day went on and more lists kept pouring in, and when the 175 number was reached—well, I was de-lighted. Of course with so many letters to open and read—for I insist upon doing it myself—it is impossible for me to examine the lists to see if they are correct, so I do not know how many winners there will be among them.

All the solutions were not brought in by the letter carrier either; puzzlers who were particularly anxious that their lists reached the right place, and person, brought them in personally, and some came by special delivery.

Several of the puzzlers have called me up over the telephone to know about No. 15. "The contest is just great and very easy with the exception of No. 15," said one voice. "I guessed all of them right off until I got there and I am still as undecided as ever."

Another puzzler wanted to know if it would be unfair for me to tell her whether No. 15 was dead or alive. I decided that it would not be unfair and told her that he had long since gone to the land of his fathers. One puzzler, about whom I want you all to know, is Mrs. H. E. Taylor. This is what she wrote to me:

"I have enjoyed working at the puzzles in The Times, although I am not very young, being over seventy years of age. I have worked on all of them, and while I had a number of them correct, this is the second I have sent in. Hoping they will continue to be published for some time to come, etc."

In the same mail with the letter from Mrs. Taylor is one from a little girl barely thirteen years of age. This goes to show that the contest department is far-reaching. There are a number of lists sent in by very young school boys, and several men bent with age, and whose hair is fast turning silver, have come into my office bearing their lists, and they usually are interested enough to stop and chat about them.

FRANCES CARROLL.

CUTTING SOFT CORN A DIFFICULT JOB

Cutting a soft corn requires dexterity, for in formation it is not unlike a tough blister. Unfortunately, while it may be loosened around the edges, which detaches it almost entirely, it is held in the center by a growth of tissue into the foot, and to get this out without causing blood to flow and making soreness is almost impossible. Best method is to soak the foot must be soaked to make the skin soft. Then a flat orangewood stick, sometimes a bone, is used to push the knife, must be used. Trimming must be done as soon as the growth begins to form again.

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Quite as effective and cheaper is a ruffle of the material with tiny thread tucks run in by hand with blue silk to match embroidery. Sometimes this can be a fine blue stitching or a continuous match stitch.

This last is made by putting needle down in place where previous stitch ended and bringing it out an equal distance ahead.

LACE ON SLEEVES BEAUTIFIES GOWN

Whether it be in the undersleeves, puffs or soft ruffs, lace has attached itself to the sleeves of our gowns, and seems to promise new beauty to our dresses or suits. It appears on walking suits in frills at the wrists.

Sometimes a cascade of narrow lace will fall along the outer seam of a coat sleeve. Then in the dressier afternoon costumes lace plays an important part. It is used as a soft undersleeve, and this fact should be hailed with joy by the women who contemplate making over last year's dresses. A patchwork effect can be avoided if the color of the upper sleeve be matched. Dyed laces will solve this problem.

On some radical styles there are tiny puffs of lace which burst out at different places along the line of the sleeve. But there is excellent opportunity to repeat the lace of the gumpie, and at the same time to vary the regulation solid effect in sleeves.

In evening gowns black lace is effectively used on sleeves, and tiny ruffles, quillings and rosettes are cropping out at unexpected places. Gold and silver laces are used in fashioning ornaments which simulate buckles. The lace touch has fallen upon us, and we are finding our arms to receive this attractive material for sleeve decoration.

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Radishes—home-grown ones—will be on the market practically all winter.

Following the success met with by local growers last year in raising winter radishes for the market, it is said a much larger area of ground is under canvass this year and the cultivation of the vegetable promises to be on a much more extensive scale. Already late fall radishes are on the market, and while their tops have been bitten by frost, the body of the vegetable is crisp and tender, and almost as satisfactory a source of food as the early spring radish.

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